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## McLean County Community Partners Team Up With Health Department For Targeted Vaccine Clinics

Bloomington, IL-- In partnership with Wayman African Methodist Episcopal Church, Bloomington-Normal Branch of the NAACP, African American Ministerial Alliance Bloomington Normal and Western Avenue Community Center, Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church is hosting a COVID-19 vaccine clinic on Friday, February 26.

While COVID-19's affects are felt throughout all communities, the virus has disproportionately affected, nationwide and locally, those already experiencing disparities. To address this fact, the McLean County Health Department (MCHD) is planning targeted vaccination sites in communities disproportionately affected by the virus. The goal of targeted clinics is to remove barriers to the vaccine access for those residents in underserved populations, including those in black and brown communities, rural communities, and those aged 65 and over.

MCHD is in the process of arranging other targeted clinics throughout Bloomington-Normal and rural areas as more vaccine becomes available. Through new and existing partnerships, MCHD will continue to provide vaccine for other targeted populations such as those in homeless shelters, school districts and group homes serving the disabled, as we strive to remove barriers to the vaccine for every resident across McLean County.

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